FORTUNES IN SHOES.

Evolution of the Buckle as a Foot-Gear Ornament.

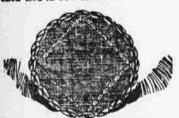
The Magnificent Baubles Worn by Elizabethan Dandies.

Dainty Feet Bedecked with Diamonds, Emeralds and Rubles.

The evolution of the buckle as an ornament for footgear has been as interesting a study to manufacturers of shoes as the graduated changes in lasts and shanks and uppers.

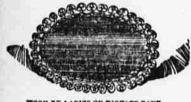
The origin of the buckle as a shoe ornament is clouded in a great deal of uncertainty. But it is known that as ornamental devices for shoes they antedate all other contrivances.

Of exactly what material the first shoe buckles were manufactured history does not enlighten us. It was in 1633. in England, that is found the earliest reference to shoe buckles, and rude sketches exhibit them as a band through which straps were drawn and



A CENTRE FOR RIBBON BOWS. England's dandles of those Elizabethan days affected the buckles almost at the outset, and they became at once the entirely "proper caper." France in a few years was infected with the buckle craze and with the customary enthusiasm of the Gaul the Parisian dandy was bedecking every portion of his foot-covering with buckles and noth-

He wore them at the instep, at the ankles, on the tops and on the toes, and so rapidly popular did the ornaments grow that they finally became an extremely high-priced gew-gaw. They were a fad with youthful Crocsuses, who had frames constructed of gold and studied with such precious gems as rubles, diamonds and emeralds.



WORN BY LADIES OF RIGHEST RANK. There was apparently no especial practical object served in the make-up of these buckles of the early days. They were ornaments pure and simple and had none of the tongue-like fastenings of the present day.

Next is a silver buckle encircled with two rows of loops of gold, studded

The framework of the old-time gold

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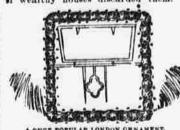
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and silver shoe buckles was highly decorated and chased with scroll and floral devices of a most artistic character. When fashion in after years decreed that buckles were passe, so finely jewelled were they that they served admirably for pins.



THE PRENCH CHROMO BUCKLE. A popular design for buckles in the seventeenth century was in the form of a serpent poised head in air ready for the attack. It was only when the common classes, the imitators of true swell—they had them as they now—nother buckles, that the sell of wealthy houses discarded them.



A ONCE POPULAR LONDON ORNAMENT. A ONCE FOR LANDON ORNAMENT.

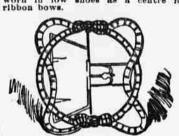
About 150 years ago fashion rang
the changes once again on buckles, and
they came into vogue once more. But
the redivivus was not permanent, and
it is by far the exception rather than
the rule that a shoe buckle is now to
be observed in a daily parade of our
most prominent thoroughfares.



A CONTLY PARINIAN CONCEIN Still, it may be that a third revival of the buckle-wearing fever will break out ere another decade has passed and perhaps the swells of 1900 may be even more gorgeous in their display of this curious shoe adornment than our



TRICKLY SET WITH DIAMONDS.



HIS REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

The Great Favor Asked By a Friend

at a Swell Dinner.

I have a friend who is one of themost

Gory Garments. (From Judge.)
Miss Bleecker—I love to see a little boy in

Miss Emerson (of Boston)—Yes; assessin ted nether garments are very becoming to dimin-

Not an Eleemosynary Institution.

Central House.

Rhodes—Of course he does! You didn't suppose he got his room for nothing, did you?

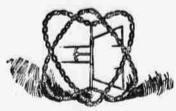
A Good Rider.

[From the Rider and Driver.]
"Do you know why some bills are more

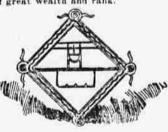
talented young men in the West, says

with clusters and single emeralds. They were much used by indies of highest rank.

An elliptical-shaped buckle is shown in the third cut. They might be called the chromo buckles of that time, inamuch as they were designed by a Parisian dealer in musical instruments who med to give a pair away to anybody who had dealt with him for six months and had purchased in that time 500 francs' worth of goods. It was a splendid thing, though, elegantly en-graved and enamelled in the centre.



A LINE DESIGN. A square-shaped buckle was a popu-lar ornament with London men and women. It had a metal frame with jet



DIAMONDS AT THE CORNERS It is said that a pair of boots with these buckles often cost from 15,000 to 25,000 francs.
The circular style seen next was a dainty thing, intended for use on the finest of sails slippers, with diamonds set thickly on the band.



The remaining cuts all portray French devices, and they were all of the highest order of workmanship, inlaid with pearls and precious stones. But it can scarcely be believed that such extravcated in this age of common sense and wisdom.

Moved In On Saturday. Superintendent-And who is your " neigh

Scholar-I don't know yet, str. We haven't had ter norrer anything since the folks moved in next door.

Obeying the Rules. [From Pock.]
Aunt Purby (in city hotel)—why, you haln't

a writer in the Chicago Post. The made a cold-blooded bluff about tak-Banished From Home for Favoring ing me out to lunch, at the same time the Northern Side. flashing a \$100 bill before my astonished eyes. I took him up right then

and there, of course.

We went to the Richelleu and or dered in the neighborh od of \$16 worth of food and drink, and pitched into it as if we hadn't had anything before for The interpretation of the expression was says the St. Louis Republic. thir ma kable exhibition of g nerosity meant that I was to be called upon that Jack Ramsey had been found and When the workmen arrived at the upper to g vs up something, and, sure enough, reclaimed by his father, who thirty-one landing the next morning and began to

that sake Ramsey had been found any more than twenty to be delied upon the continued of the

he -cemed to have a belief that his son had goue astray.

When the old man stepped from a Woods Run car on Prebleavenue, "Jack, the mat h peddler." came down the pavement. Mr. Ramsey carelessly asked the uncouth peddler the way to the pententiativity. As he did so he noticed a small badge which had been the mark of a college society devoted to the Northern cause. On it was inscribed "The Union Forever."

Mr. Ramsey remembered it as one of the obnoxious things that caused a quarted be ween himself and his son. A question led to the match peddler's identity. A word of explanation and father and son were locked in each other's embrace.

They were seen that night in the ped-Partridge—They say Rustier puts up at the

They were seen hat night in the ped-dler's hovel near the river bank. The next day they left for Georgia. The younger man seemed most affected by the

A Former Rebel Revokes a Vow
Against a Favorite Son.

Canada. for I would not take up arms against my former home, and I did not want to hear my friends reviled by the Northern men.

After the war I drifted to Pennsylvania. After the war I drifted to Pennsylvania tramp. I never had the heart to work or the energy to be a man. I will go home now, and am thankful for the chance."

A CAT'S GREAT LEAP.

Jumped from a Height of 160 Feet and Lived. In the latter part of 1880, at a time when

"Jack, the match peddler, has struck the Washington Monument had reached a it rich," was the word passed through height of 160 feet an adventurous and almost every home in lower Allegheny patriotic cat ascended the interior of the the other day, says the Pittsburg Times, shaft by means of the ropes and tubing.

"Pirst I went to Marnold's for rubbers; the to Ferry's, to get that sacque I was telling you about," began Mrs. Muggins.
"I wish you wouldn't talk shop," said Muggins, wear.ly.

On the Pox Seat. [From the Rider and Driver.] "Coachmen seem to me to be more prosper ns than their employers."

"They're higher up in the world." Where He Wanted Himself.

"What on earth do you want?" asked Mrs. Larkin of her husband, who, like most of the passengers, was suffering from sea-sickness, but was making more ado than any ten of

"I have been in Allerheny ten years," he said. "Since leaving home I have had some terrible experience. I first went to question."

A HARD-EARNED VICTORY.

[From Lafe.]









The Chief Requisite. Kitty-You're an ideal chaperone, Mrs. Lightly.

J. ok. Yes; you are simply ** out ot sight."

ONE OF THE MEANEST MEN.

Bluffed Himself Into a Dinner and Froze His Friend Out. "Talk about your mean tricks and

your cruel practical jokes-I've just had one played on me that's the meanest and the cruelest that a man ever thought of."

the cruelest that a man ever thought of,"
said a Chicagoan to a Post reporter.

"What was it?" I inquired.

"I'll tell you. It was like this. I goes into the Wellington this noon to lunch. Just as I'm sitting down in comes Jack Austin. You know Jack? Well, he sits down at my table and says he'll tell me a funny story.

"I size it up that he's getting into me for the lunch, but I says nothing, for I know there's no help for it, see? I ouly have about \$3.50 in my clothes, see? I let him order first, and he goes and orders woodcock and things like that up to \$3.25.

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"This kind of freezes me, and so I tell him I'm feeling sick all of a sudden, and all I want is a cup of coffee and some crackers. That coats a quarter and makes the bill up to the limit of my pile, see?

"Well, we eat our lunch, and Jack tells two or three funny stories, and pretty soon the waiter comes around and makes out two checks with a total of \$3.50.

"Here! says Jack to me, 'give me your check. I'll pay for the lunch."

"Now, I call that one of the most dastardly of practical jokes. If I had suspected that he was go ng to do anything like that I would have eateu \$6 worth. As it was I nearly starved. The worst of it was he saw through it all and it tickled him immensely."

ACTORS THEY HAD SEEN.

Iwo Tonsorial Munchausens Discus Stage Kings and Queens.

Business was dull, and there was a lull n an uptown barber shop, one of the best-patronized establishments in town. says the Washington Critic. Two tonorial Munchausens were discussing the sorial Munchausens were discussing the stage. They had both seen everybody and everything. Neither was over thirty-five year-old, though they talked of things they had seen thirty-five or forty years ago. One of them said:

"Did you see the elder Booth?"

"See the ader Booth?" was the reply.
"I should say I did. He used to play Camille."

Camilla."

"The same—the same," was the reply.

"And did you ever see Ned Forrest?"

"Many a time. I saw him in 'Fra
Diavolo' twice and again in 'Rip Van
Winkle." The conversation ran on in that line for about fifteen minutes, each trying to out-lie the other, when one of them ex-

ont-lie the other, when one of them ex-claimed

"But were you in this town when Miss Mademoiselle, the great Fiench actress, made the tour of the country?"

This was a studner. It took the barber to whom the question was propounded about two minutes to answer, but he finally gasped out:

"I reckon I didn't see Miss Mademoi-selle. I allow that you have seen more great stage people than I have."

Big Drives. [From the Rider and Driven] "Goem is such an enthusiastic rider he re " How so?"
" He's nearly always on the road."

An Encouraging Outlook. [From the Epech.]
"Well, prisoner," said the prison chaptain to the convict, whose time was nearly up, "Y nope your punishment has done you good." "Yes, sir; it has." returned the prisoner.

"It's put me in bully trim to go back to town and knock thunder out of the witnesses who convicted me."

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